



T.O.S. news

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Annual General Meeting Report

The Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 5 December, 2016. The office bearers for 2017 are:

- President: Janet Harding
- Vice-President: Geoff Harrod
- Secretary: Susannah Mason
- Treasurer: Carolyn Harrod.

Janet Harding is the TOS Representative to the Brisbane Theosophical Society Committee.

TOS members work as volunteers in a number of areas, choosing ones of particular interest to them, such as community service, education, healing, animal welfare and environment.

In addition, the group chooses several projects to support each year with donations and voluntary work. For information, talk to one of the committee or visit www.theosophyqld.org.au

Meetings in 2017

All interested people are invited to attend the planning meetings which are held quarterly from 10.00 to 11:30 am in the T.S. rooms. Meeting dates in 2017 are:

- Saturday 4 March
- Saturday 3 June
- Saturday 2 September and
- Saturday 2 December (AGM).

In 2017, we will continue to commence each meeting at **9:30 am** with a **healing meditation** that was developed by Geoffrey Hodson and personalised by our group. This meditation can be used as an act of service and compassion for others. For those interested in using this meditation individually on a regular basis, please see one of the TOS committee members for a copy.

Thanks for Supporting our TOS Fundraising at the Christmas Sale Table and the TS AGM Collection

Our Christmas Sale Table raised \$132 thanks to TS and TOS members who purchased goodies and other gifts. Thank you!! The money raised will contribute to our support of TOS educational programs in developing countries. With projects managed by the TOS, all funds can be used for the project because the administrative work is done by volunteers.

Thanks to the generosity of TS and TOS members, the collection at the TS AGM in early December enabled us to donate \$700 to *Bushkids* for their on-going work in regional Queensland. They provide early intervention services for young children, support children and their families in times of need and engage with local groups in community building. The support of the Brisbane TS in matching the collected donations is very much appreciated.

Cinema outing

In January, members enjoyed a much anticipated social event when we got together for a delicious lunch at an Indian restaurant and then saw a movie with a thought provoking and compassionate theme. We'll be looking out for another cinema outing opportunity in 2017.

Dates for your diaries to support our Altruistic Projects

Special Event on Wednesday, 8 February, at 7:30 pm in the TS Meeting Room

The Theosophical Society is hosting a **Festival of Oriental Arts** to showcase traditional Chinese arts. In this event, the audience will have a taste of a range of traditional arts, including *jingju* opera singing, calligraphy, ink painting and classical music played with traditional instruments such as the *pipa*, *guqin* and *hulusi* flute, performed by three versatile young artists.



Donations will be invited to support a TOS Project – the Women's Welfare Program at Adyar, India. This program assists women to learn skills that can be used to earn a living. Through this program, women develop a sense of worth and self-empowerment as well as being able to support themselves and their families.

Please join us and bring your friends for what is sure to be a memorable evening.

Concerts We are also planning two concerts to be held later in the year and dates will be announced when they are confirmed with the musicians. These concerts are uplifting musical experiences as well as providing a social opportunity to meet up with friends over an excellent High Tea style afternoon tea. Funds raised by the concerts will be donated to international TOS projects.

Afternoon Tea Following the success of our afternoon tea in the Annerley Community Bookshop, we will be holding another similar event in the middle of the year – date to be announced. The Community Bookshop is a warm and welcoming place with comfortable seating and a wealth of fascinating books and media to browse through. Catching up with friends is also a priority for many people attending. Funds raised by donation will be contributed to a local project supporting people in need.

A Blessing

May the Miracle of Peace live in You
 May the Miracle of Love flow through You
 May the Miracle of Gratitude bless You
 May the Miracle of Light illuminate your path
 All the days of your Life.

Julie Parker